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1. IN RESPONSE REFTEL, FOLLOWING INFORMATION OBTAINED
FROM OFFICIAL OF GREEK MINISTRY OF JUSTICE WITH WHOM
REQUEST OF ATTORNEYS IN U.S. WAS DISCUSSED, WITNESSES CAN BE
COMPELLED TO GIVE TESTIMONY IN COURT ONLY IN PENAL CASES.

2. IN THE CASE OF WRITTEN INTERROGATORIES, NO ADDITIONAL
QUESTIONS CAN NORMALLY BE ASKED OF WITNESSES.

3. NO FOREIGN ATTORNEYS CAN PARTICIPATE IN GREEK COURT
PROCEEDINGS. WITNESSES TO BE EXAMINED MUST BE NAMED AND
IDENTIFIED IN LETTERS ROGATORY.

4. ALL COURTS IN GREECE WILL RECESS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST.
COURTS WILL SIT ONLY ON SPECIALLY DESIGNATED JUDICIAL
DAYS, ONCE OR TWICE IN JULY, TO TRY CIVIL CASES AND POSSIBLY
ADDITIONAL TIMES FOR PENAL CASES. A DELAY OF NOT LESS THAN TWO
MONTHS OR MORE MAY BE INVOLVED IN EXECUTION OF LETTERS ROGATORY.

5. THE GREEK OFFICIAL SUGGESTED THAT NAME AND SUBJECT OF
CASE BE PROVIDED TO PERMIT JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES TO
INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTING ATTORNEYS IN
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